(b) if so, the details thereof since June to October, 2009;

(c) whether officials of Directorate of Commercial are involved in selling of VIP quota to touts;

(d) if so, the action she would take against guilty officials and touts;

(e) whether a Parliamentary Committee would be constituted to enquire into the matter; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d) One print media has reported that touts pay money in Rail Bhawan to get VIP quota released. No specific information has been quoted.

(e) and (f) Efforts are made to bridge the gap between demand and supply of reserved accommodation by planning holiday special trains during the peak rush periods, putting on extra coaches to meet the day-to-day requirements and increasing the number of coaches on permanent basis in those trains which have high demand and patronage. Moreover, random checks are conducted in association with Vigilance Organisation. If any Railway official is found involved in any irregularity, the official is taken up severely. The process of checks and tightening of procedures is a continuous activity and is closely monitored.

Bhargava Committee on IIMs

*233. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has rejected Bhargava Committee's Pan-IIM Board recommendations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government proposes to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) The Government has consulted the Board of Governors of individual IIMs on the recommendation of the R.C. Bhargava Committee on the creation of a Pan-IIM Board. Since none of the IIMs were agreeable to the concept, the Ministry in consultation with IIMs has proposed that an informal body comprising Directors of IIM headed by the NRM will meet every six months, to deal with issues common to all IIMs.

Decrease in cultivable land due to conversion for other purposes

*234. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the extent of cultivable land is decreasing every year due to its conversion for other purposes affecting thereby production of foodgrains;